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Command Philosophy

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“ “SMAQ” Supported by Faith”

“S” - SAFETY is the entering argument of “SMAQ” and is imperative to Mission Accomplishment. **We don’t defeat ourselves.**

- Ensure your people are well trained and have the proper tools and protection to succeed.
- Ensure you are operating in accordance with current and approved procedures and are thoroughly familiar with the source documents and guiding instructions.
- Always navigate in geographically and ethically safe areas.
- Incorporate mitigation measures to manage risk at an acceptable level.
- Ensure the proper level of supervision and experience is always on scene.

“M - A” - MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT is the main thing and the centerpiece of “SMAQ”. **We will accomplish the mission, and within the allotted timeline.**

- Understand Commander’s Intent and align your actions. Take time to think.
- Communicate intentions and actions up and down the Chain of Command.
- Use forceful back-up in real-time to communicate areas of concern with the mission or tasking.
- Construct an effective and cohesive team, and incorporate Lessons Learned into all your plans.
- Listen, respect, and work effectively with host nation, coalition, and non-governmental organizations to enhance interoperability, trust, and confidence.
- Be prepared to use swift and decisive action to achieve the desired end-state when required.

“Q” - QUALITY OF LIFE is the end product of “SMAQ”. **We are proud and eager to be a contributing member of this organization and our families are taken care of.**

- Get to know and take care of your people with dignity and integrity.
- Plan long range to provide clear vision, expectations, and maximum stability to the command.
- Have an effective structure in place to take care of families and civilians.
- Have fun accomplishing the mission and cultivate a professional work environment where all members can achieve their full potential.

All supported by **faith in the crew** to do their job properly, **faith in me, the commander**, to lead effectively, and my **faith in a Higher Power** to watch over us.